Chappaquiddick papers lost but

DA has copies

EDGARTOWN — Original police documents on Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's Chappaquiddick accident, are still missing, but the district attorney said yesterday it doesn't matter because he has copies.

Sgt. Bruce Pratt, acting head of the police department, said it was highly irregular that the papers cannot be found, but district attorney Philip Rollins said police records often get misplaced.

"I am not concerned because I have copies of all reports," Rollins said. I feel there was no conspiracy or anything of that nature. Original documents get misplaced, especially police reports. Our file is intact and complete."

But Pratt said that since he has been with the department it has been "very irregular that original documents become missing."

The mystery of the vanished records was raised recently in a book by Carl Gottlieb a script writer for the movie "Jaws," which was filmed at Martha's Vineyard last summer.

Gottlieb said ha had

been told by Jesse Oliver 2d, then chief of the 12member Edgartown department, that the records of the 1969 auto accident had disappeared from the files.

However, between the time that Gottlieb talked with Oliver and the book was published, the missing documents — including the original accident report and a copy of Kennedy's first statement to police — were said to have been returned to the department.

However, Pratt says they are still missing.

Dominick J. Arena, who

was Edgartown's police chief at the time of the accident, in which Mary Jo Repechne died, said in another interview that when he quit the department in 1973, he took some of the records with him.

Now the police chief in Essex Junction, Vt., Arena said he wanted the papers to answer questions from newsmen and others.

Arena said he learned that the missing records were causing concern while taking part in a Boston radio talk show last spring. After that, he said, he made copies for himself and sent the re-

cords to his successor,

Oliver was suspended as police chief for accepting money from Universal Studios, makers of "Jaws," and other alleged improprieties. He has since resigned, but supports Arena's claim of having returned the Chappaquiddick material.

"He sent the records back last April and they were there in June," Oliver said.

"As to what happened to the documents since then, or why the present department officials can't find them," he said. "I have no idea. That's their problem."

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By Walter D. O'Leary Globe Staff .

Atty. Jerome P. Facher, counsel for the two fdeelance reporters who took the stenographic notes at the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne at Chappaquiddick, charged today in Federal Court that his clients were deprived of substantial financial benefits.

He appeared before US Judge Andrew A. Caffrey. He told the judge that Suffolk Superior Court or-deded the transcripts of the inquest to be sold to interested parties for \$75 each.

could have sold the transcripts for at least • \$34,000 tó the 112 customers they had lined up.

' As it was, he said that the reporters, SidneyL ipman and Harold T. McNeill; received only \$3700 for their labods.

Pending before Judge Caffrey is a civil suit for damages brought by Lip- . man and McNeill against. the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Clerk Edward V. Keating of the ; Suffolk Superior Court.

The Edgartown inquest in Dukes County in January 1970 dealt with the : However, he said that death of Miss Kopechne a the two free lance report- passenger in the car of -The state of the s

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Sen: Edward Kennedy when the car toppled off the bridge at Chappaquiddick on Madtha's Vineyard.

Atty. Fached contended that Lipman and O'Neill had the exclusive rights to sell the inquestt ranscripts after the document was made public by order of , the Superior Court.

He told Judge Caffrey a freelance reporter usually charges 70 cents a page. But, even if the charge were only 40 cents a page, the official charge made by court deporters, his clients would have received a goodly sum,

* Atty. Facher said there was tremendous public interest in the case and newspapers and magazines would have been willing to pay nearly any price for the transcript.

As it was, he said Judge Wilfred Paquette of the from Dist. Atty. Dinis for Superior Court ordered the

transcdipt sold for \$75 apiece and the judge supervised the sale:

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"I bought a copy myself: for \$75," said Facher.

- Facher said Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis of Duke's County authorized Lipman to make arrangements for taking the stenographic notes because Judeg James A. Boyle of Edgartown had no budget to take care of. this emergency.

A jury was impaneled by Judge Caffrey yesterday but today counsel for both sides agreed to waive " the jury and the jury was dismissed.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Walter. Mayo appeared for the commonwealth. Attys. James W. Kelleher and Kevin Keating appeared for the Superior Court

Lipman testified that he eventually received \$3700. his services.

Court Sale Did Not Affect Reporters

stenographers recorded testimony in the 1969 hearing into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne in a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy were not consulted before transcripts of the proccedings were put up for sale, it was testified Thursday in, Federal Cout.

The testimony was given by Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Edward V. Keating in a suit brought by the two hy the stenographers claiming \$150,000 damages because they were not allowed to sell the transcripts.

The stenographers, Sidney. Lipman and Harold T.

McNeil, claim they could have sold copies of the transcripts for up to \$325 a copy but that instead the court sold 112 of them for \$75 each. ŧ

Under questioning by Atty. Jerome Facher, counsel for stenographers, Keating the said there was no court order preventing him from confer-ring with the stenographers about sale of the transcripts.

"I could have, but I didn't," Keating told Judge Andrew A. Caffrey during the second day of the jury-waived trial.

original had been impounded by the court, and that it cost \$200 to have the copies authenticated.

He said the total cost of reproducing the 112 copies was \$5200 and that the income from the sale was \$8400.

A little more than \$100, representing the profit, he said, still remains in escrow pending settlement of the case.

He did not consider, Keating said, that the procedure used in the sale of the Kopechne-Kennedy transcript in any way affected the usual Keating said the copies practice of allowing court were not authenticated by the reporters to sell copies of stenographers because the their transcripts.

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By BULL DUNCLIFFE

Five justices of the Supreme Judicial Court are scheduled to hold a formal and possibly finel discussion Tuesday of their decision in the plea of Sen. Edward M.- Kennedy and other prospective winesses for a whole hew set of ground rules at the still-delayed in-quest into the death of Mary To Kopechne.

That decision, according to Chief Justice Raymound S. Wilkins, will be made public within 10 days thereafter but observers said there was a chance it could be un-nounced as early as Wednesday,

Those who will make it include Walkins, and Associate Justies R. Amni Cutter, Psul Reardon, Jacob J. Spiegel, and John V. Spalding, who heard the arguments for and agranst the appeal earlier this month.

In heaping with the court's usual practice, the judges hold a "consultation" on the hist Tuerday of each month to consider the cases stillawaiting a ruling.

At that strictly private ses-: sion, they exchange thoughts on the decision, agree on the wording of it, and in the case of a dissent to the majority odinion, submit one express-

. ing the views of the minority.

Kennedy, through Arty, Ed-word B. Hanify, asked that: 6 the inquest be closed to

the public;

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a counsel be allowed to call or cross-examine witnesses, compel their attendance, and object to questions whenever they feel th situation demands, and;

@ The court examine the inquest law to determine whether it is constitutional or not and, if it is, to order safeguards that would more adequately protect the rights of those who might be involved.

In addition, coursel for nine of the guests at a Chappa-. quiddick Island cookout that quickiek Island cookout that immediately preceded Mary Jo's accident death in a calt point last July tasked for a change in the ground rules because, they said, their clients' reputational right of private round to demolished privacy vould be demolished without it.

The commonwealth's posi-tion, was set forth by Asst. Alty. Gen. Joseph J. Hurley.

was that: e The interests of Kennedy, the other witcesses, and the public, would best be served by an inquest at which

the press would be present;

@ The various counsel were "seeking the right to present a defense at the inquest,"

o The cookout quests mir-rendered whatever right to privacy they may have had when they willingly associated themselves with a public figure.

Hantly maintained that Kennedy was the 'focal point' of the inquest, and to allow it to go forward under Judge Boyle's ground rules would amount to his being tied to a steke while his reputation is tortured to death."

Atty. Paul J. Redmond, representing cookent guests Rosemary "Cricket" Keough, Nance and Maryeller Lyons, Susan Tennenbaum, Ester Newberg, Jack Crimmins, Raymound LaRosa and Charles Tretter, urged that:

"In an age of political assassination, the petitioners ask protection so that they may not be verbally assassinated."

And Aity, Joseph P. Donahue, Jr., of Lowell, speaking for another cookout guest, Joseph Gargan, said that unless the rules were changed Gavgan would go before the court of public opinion with both hands tied behind his back."

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Dinis Says Blooc On Mary Jo Body

HT Staff Reporter

Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis yesterday was granted a hearing on his petition for the exhumation of the body of Mary Joe Kopechne after he told a Pennsylvania court that blood was found on the young secretary's skirt and in her mouth and nose.

In the long and intensive investgation following the 28-year-old victim's death in the car of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in a Chappaquiddick tidal pool July 18, it was the first mention of any sign of blood.

Arena, who aided in bringing Miss, Kopechne's body to the surface, last night asserted:

"I know I never saw any blood at all. I held her in my arms, waiting

to put her in a boat, and I saw no indication of blood."

The Edgartown scuba diver, John N. Farrar, who recovered the body with Chief Arena, referred all inquiries to his legal counsel.

The officiating medical examiner, Dr. Donald R. Mills of Edgartown, reported froth on the victim's lips when he viewed her body, but included no reference to blood.

Meanwhile, it was reported last night

that in order to get the body of the young woman out of the car, a rope was attached around the neck and the body then pulled through a shattered window of the car.

Tiny particles of glass were turned over to Lt. Det. George Killen of the state police, attached to Dist. Atty. Dinis' office, after they had been found imbedded in Miss Kopechne's shirt, it was reported.

The discovery was made, it was learned, when her clothes were turned over to authorities by the funeral director.

A pathologist engaged by counsel for Sen. Kennedy has expressed an opinion that even after death had set in, a slight cozing of blood could be caused by the scraping of the victim as she was pulled through the shattered window glass.

IT ALSO WAS learned last night that attorneys for Kennedy had obtained a statement from the assistant tuneral di(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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rector in Edgartown who had embalmed Miss Kopechne's body before it was taken to Pennsylvania for burial.

In that statement, sources close to the case said, the assistant funeral director reported no blood in the area of the. nasa! passages.

A: cosmetician 'at a Plymouth, Pa., funeral home, where the body was prepared for viewing, told attorneys for Kennedy that she had seen no sign of blood.

When, the Dukes County prosecutor submitted an

amended petition to the Common Pleas Court of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Wednesday, he said that the information about the blood was not available to him prior to the interment of the victim. The contents of the petition were released by the court yesterday.

President Judge Bernard C. Brominski at the Wilkes-Barre court set Sept. 29 for a public hearing on the Dinis petition for exhumation of Miss Kopechne's body so that there can be an autopsy.

AT THAT HEARING, the

court possess the facts about said there appeared on the blood, as well as those who victim's shirt a "washed out," conducted tests on the stains reddish brown and brown stain on the shirt, will testify. Judge Brominski said it will be a public hearing.

Miss Kopechne is buried in Larksville, Pa., and Dinis must have the permission of Pennsylvania to exhume her body,

The parents of Miss Kopechne, formerly a secretary to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, have engaged legal counsel to resist the Dinis efforts at exhumation. Last night the counsel said the Dinis petition contained "averments that have to be supported by proof."

In his petition, Dinis said that the presence of "a certain amount of blood" in both the nose and mouth of Miss Kopechne's body "may or may not have been consistent with death by drowning."

DR. MILLS, associate medical examiner of Dukes County, ruled Mary Jo the victim of accidental drowning. There was so little doubt in his mind, he said at the time, that he deemed an autopsy unnecessary.

Now, said Dinis in his court petition, "the administration of justice requires that an exhumation and autopsy be held and that said autopsy be performed as soon as is practicabie, time being of the essence."

and the same of the same of the same of witnesses who Dinis told the . As for the blood stains, Dinis on the backs of both sleeves, the back and the collar.

"These stains give positive benzidine reaction, and indication of the presence of residual blood traces," the peti-tion said "Said residue is of insufficient amount to make further test as to specific origin or type."

Scuba Diver Farrar is represented by Atty. Herbert Abrams of 2240 Prudential Center, Boston. When Farrar referred inquiries to him, Atty. Abrams said:

"BY ORDER of the court I am unable to make any comment on the contents of Dist. Atty. Dinis' letter to Judge Brominski, When I apprised my client, Mr. Farrar, of the

letter, and! the petition, he said to me that he will stand by his detailed statement given to Lt. George Killen of the state police at a pre-hearing inquiry Aug. 20 in Edgar-town."

Farrar, before he engaged legal counsel, was among most frequently interviewed and widely quoted of those having a role/in the Kennedy-Kopechne case. At no time, recalled newsmen, did he ever mention signs of blood on the victim.

The Aug. 20 inquiry session with Lt. Killen, referred to by Farrar's counsel, was wide ly reported. It was so accurately reported that Farran became irked, But nowhere it those reports, that were so accurate that Farrar charges a breach of confidence, was there a reference to blood.

Dr. Mills, in relating wha

the did at the scene on the morning of July 19, told of compressing the victim's chest and sceing sea water emerge from her mouth. There were no marks on the body, nothing to indicate she had died from any cause but drowning, he said.

The body was rigid as a statue. Dr. Mills said. The teeth were gritted, there was froth around the nose and the hands were in a claw-like position.

EDGARTOWN —An investigator will be hired by lawyers for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy to interview seven eyewitnesses who were at the Dyke Bridge when the body of Mary Jo Kopechne was taken from the water on the morning of July 19, it was learned yesterday.

The decision to retain the inrestigator was made after Atty. Robert G. Clark, Jr., of Brockton, one of the Kennedy lineup of lawyers, spent several hours in conference Saturday with a Martha's Vineyard attorney.

The seven include rescue workers and onlookers and, the Sunday Advertiser was told, none have ever been questioned by "Kennedy people" before-

The Sunday Advertiser also learned that the amended petition through which Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis hopes to get court approval for an autopsy on Mary Jo's remains will be on its way to Pennsylvania Monday — and it is possible that Dinis himself may bring it there

Several weeks ago the distriet attorney ran into a delay when he mailed the original application for the autopsy to Common Pleas District Court in Wilkes-Barre, and Judge Bernard Brominski refused to accept it in that form.

Dinis had to go to Bennsylvania himself to satisfy the judge and, rather than run into another delay, it was considered likely that either the prosecu-tor or Asst. Dist. Atty. Armand Fernandes — or both — would submit the petition in person

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By BILL DUNCLIFFE

On a holiday evening in Hyannis Port, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was torn between two alternatives — and the one he finally chose may have provided the first clear clue to what he intends to do with his badly-bruised career in politics.

Has he decided to call it quits? Kennedy had to decide, last Labor Day, whether to:

Listen to those staff aides who wished him to do nothing to put off the start of the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne, lest a post-ponement turn public opinion even more against him than it already was, or:

Follow the advice of the attorneys who urged him to seek a delay until he was granted the Continuous starts.

him to seek a delay until he was granted the Constitutional safeguards available to every private citizen who may find himself in difficulty with the law.

He listened to the lawyers and they went before Associate Supreme Court Justice Paul C. Reardon to win the delay

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than what was the right of even the humblest of

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But politically was it a wise move?

This will be long debated.

For Edward M. Kennedy is not an ordinary citizen. He is a member of one of the nation's great families, a United States Senator and was, until six weeks ago, a prime Presidential possibility in 1972.

He is a public figure of world stature — and they are judged by a different tribunal than the rest of us.

Public men rise or fall in the court of public opinion; private citizens do so in a court of law — and the fact that Kennedy chose the latter may be an indication of how he looks at his future.

This is not to say that the usual legal recourses are not available to politicians. They are, but the more significant verdicts, for them, are not rendered by jurors but by voters.

What the voters think, and believe; has always been of paramount importance to those who hold elective office — and initil Monday night at Hyannis.

Port, Kennedy was no different than others of his caste.

He was conscious of the public's affection and even admiration for him, and did nothing to tarnish the shining public image he enjoyed. Among his aides, the overriding factor that influenced many a decision was what "they" would think how the voters would react to this or that.

And, until the tragedy of Chappaquiddick Island, their reaction was invariably favorable — but from the moment his car plunged from the Dyke Bridge and carried Mary Jo to her doom, Kennedy's stock — politically — has gone steadily down.

Part of that may have been due to his actions after the accident, or to the week-long silence that preceded his dramatic televised account of how Mary Jo died. And, almost certainly, a major cause was the widespread feeling that his version left many hard questions unanswered.

Even then, at what seemed to be the low point in his fortunes, Kennedy went to the court of public opinion for a verdict on whether he should continue in office or resign. And from Massachusetts, if not from the rest of the world, the decision was overwhelmingly in his favor.

He announced — then — that he would stay fon, and would seek re-election in 1970. But the continuing deterioration of his position in the public eye may now have forced a change in his thinking.

There was a fairly widespread suspicion, after the impact of that emotional baring of soul on TV had worn off, that Kennedy had received special, and preferred treatment. There was, from powerful voices of the press and public, a demand that some further steps be taken, that there be an inquest into the circumstances of Mary Jo's death.

Prodded by his own responsibilities, and perhaps by the voices that were growing louder with every passing day, Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis ordered the inquiry, and even attempted to gain the sanction of a Pennsylvania court to secure a belated autopsy on Mary Jo's remains.

Through all of this, Kennedy's posture was that off a public figure trying to salvage as much as life could from a situation that was rapidly becoming, for him at least, a disastrous debacle.

He made it clear, soon after the date for the inquest was set, that he would cooperate with it

in every way - and until Aug. 27 at Edgartown -District Court, it appeared that he was doing justthat.
Then his lawyers, and those for other prospective

witnesses, asked Judge James A. Boyle to permit them to be present in the courtroom at all times, to call or cross-examine witnesses, and to grant all the Constitutional safeguards ordinarily available at a trial or accusatory proceeding.

Even then, Atty. Edward B. Hanify stressed that what he sought for Kennedy should not be constructed as any attempt to impede or otherwise hamper the search for truth that an inquest is designed to be.

The "cooperation" theme was stressed throughout, so much so that when Judge Boyle commented he might subpoena Kennedy if he senator didn't appear voluntarily as a witness, Atty.
Robert G. Clark, Jr., another of Ted's lineup of
lawyers, was quick to reply:

"Your Honor, Mr. Kennedy will be present at any time you designate."

Hanify's statement, that he might not testify unless he was afforded the protection of his Constitutional rights, caught little attention then — and the fact that nothing had been said about Judge Boyle's decision to open the inquest to the press went entirely unnoticed at the time.

Boyle's denial of the motions was considered, by the press and public, a setback for the senator, but legal experts saw it in a different light.

In their view, Boyle had given Kennedy a perfect tool to delay the inquest or get a more favorable set of ground rules, if he wished — for serious legal issues had been raised, and it is a principal of law that restraining orders be issued whenever failure to resolve them might cause irremediable damage to a person.

Still, though his lawyers wished to move on that point, Kennedy refused to give them the go-ahead.
There was, after all, the court of public opinionto be considered.

For one thing, his politically-oriented advisers while resigned to the fact that he virtually had no chance for the Presidency in 1972—were still hopeful about his prospects for 1976.

It was their position that he should let the introduced the start on schedule, because to do otherwise would make lit seem as though he were taking advantage of twists and technicalities in the law. to avoid a public confrontation on the questions a wand innuendoes surrounding Mary Jo's death.

"It-would look like he was trying to worm his way out," was the way one staff man reportedly put it.

More than that, Kennedy's aides were convinced that, given another chance to tell his story, he could convince the doubters, answer everything he was asked, and dispel the shadows surrounding his role in Mary Jo's death.

role in Mary Jo's death.

He could, in short, restore some of the gloss to his image and, politically at least, regain some of the prestige he had lost.

But if, with the tide of public opinion running sagainst him, he were to take the fight against Judge Boyle's ruling to a higher court, it might appear to the public that, despite his statements to the contrary, he would do anything but cooperate in the inquest.

Kennedy's lawyers, however, had a problem that was more immediate and a course of action that, legally, was more pragmatic. Because it was possible that the inquest could result in a charge being made-against him, they wanted the legal weapons they needed to protect him — weapons that were the due of any private citizen.

Because Kennedy is himself a lawyer, he was presumably aware that, as far as the U. S. Supreme Court is concerned, there is indeed what amounts to a double standard of justice for public figures and private citizens.

The U.S. Supreme Court has held in the past, that a public figure has a public forum from which he can answer his critics and-or accusers, and that therefore the same rules that apply to other men may not apply to him.

The inquest, under Judge Boyle's guidelines, might have been in one sense a public forum, because it would be open to the press.

But on Labor Day evening, after considering both courses of action, Kennedy chose the one urged by his attorneys.

And, when they went before Justice Reardon, they raised for the first time — the issue of press coverage. They asked, in effect, that the high court order Judge Boyle to set new ground rules—ones that would either grant Kennedy his Constitutional rights, or make the inquest private — or both.

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In brief, they asked for the safeguards that might be afforded a private citizen in similar circumstances — and in that one phrase, private citizen may be the key to Kennedy's future role win American life.

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By ED CORSETTI and BULL DUNCLIFFE

EDGARTOWN—Tests made on the car in which Mary Jo Kopechne drowned indicated she may have been unable to get out of it because she lost her bearings when it turned turtle and landed on its back in Poucha Pond, it was learned Saturday.

A dummy, of the same size and weight as Mary Jo, was placed in the passenger side of

from the Arthur D. Little Co. of Cambridge.

The Sunday Advertiser was told that when the car was flipped over on its back and jarred — with about the same force as if it had hit water; the dummy was hurled partially into the rear seat so hard that a human might have become disoriented and might not have known where she was in the

would have stayed in the same relative position and, unless he was unconscious or dazed, would have known where he was at all times.

In tion, the wind a on the driver's side was opened and, once the water pressure equalized, he could a ve escaped that way.

Although a decision on Kennedy's appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court for new ground rules for the inquest on Mary placed in the passenger side of the front seat for the tests, which were made for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy by scientists

However, the tests also introduced that the driver, month, Dist. Atty. Edmund "anchored" by the fact that his Dinis kept two defectives working on the case. Jo's death will probably not be

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Justice Paul G. Kirk said today that he will disqualify himself from sitting on Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's inquest appeal when it comes before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Reason for his action was the political and professional association between his son, Atty. Paul G. Kirk Jr., and the senator.

Kirk Jr., 31, a 1964
graduate of Harvard Law
School, serves as a counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure of which Kennedy is chairman.

Justice Kirk, reached at his Cape Cod Summer home by the Globe, was asked what affect, if any, his son's relationship with Sen. Kennedy might have on the judge's participation in deciding the legal issues raised by counsel for Kennedy.

"I would disqualify myself," the jurist said bluntly, "I think I should." Justice Kirk declined to

By removing himself, the justice left the decision on Kennedy's appeal of the inquest rules established by Edgartown District Court Judge James A. Boyle in the hands of his six colleagues, all Republicans.

Justice Kirk is the only Democrat on the high court bench.

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the was referred to the full bench by Justice Paul C. Reardon, sitting alone, because of "grave constitutional questions" raised by Sen. Kennedy's petition and argued by his counsel, Atty. Edward B. Hanify.

Kennedy challenged Boyle's opening of a traditionally closed inquest to the press and his refusal to permit cross examination and summonsing of witnesses as prejudicial.



JUSTICE KIRK

The inquest, ordered by Bristol Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis, into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, a Washington secretary, in a car driven by Kennedy, had been scheduled to start in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard last Wednesday.

Justice Reardon, on Tuesday, ordered the inquest postponed until the state Supreme Court acted on the appeal case. Judge Boyle complied with the directive.

The justices who now will

hear the arguments are Chief Justice Raymond S. Wilkins and justices John V. Spalding, Arthur E. Whit-

temore R. Ammi Cutter, Jacob J. Spiegel and Reardon.

In another development, it was learned that a team of researchers, apparently for

Kennedy, conducted tests over a two-day period on the Kennedy car which crashed into Poucha Pond on Chappaquiddick Island.

The researchers included two physicists associated with the Arthur D. Little Co., Inc., of Cambridge Theywere Drs. Richard Stone and oJhn Teitzel.

Records at the Oak Bluffs
State Police. Barracks on
Martha's Vineyard show that
the team, six persons in all,
used the water from the barrack's hose and a wrecker to
tilt the damaged car in an attempt to simulate conditions
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While the group was on the
island making its tests, a
diver was at the pond measuring the rise and fall of
tide and the speed of the

Measurements and photographs were also taken at the scene of the crash it was learned.

Miss Kopechne, a campaign worker for the late. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and Sen. Kennedy had left an informal party of political friends when the accident on a wooden bridge occurred.

Dinis, meanwhile, has his staff researching Pennsylvania law in an effort to convince authorities in Pennsylvania where Miss Kopechne is buried, that her body be exhumed for an authorsy

The postponed inquest

The purpose of an inquest into a violent death is, under Massachusetts law, to determine "when, where and by what means the person met his death... and all material circumstances attending his death, and the name, if known, of any person whose unlawful act or negligence appears to have contributed thereto."

The judge who presides at an inquest is required to state his findings in writing and file them in the Superior Court of the county where the violent death took place. The law empowers him to charge individuals with crime in his report.

Since Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was driving the automobile in which Mary Jo Kopechne drowned July 18 on Chappaquiddick Island, it is plain that the now-postponed inquest into her death could have placed him in at least theoretical jeopardy of prosecution on serious criminal charges, including manslaughter (negligent homicide.)

This being the case, it would be unfair to condemn Mr. Kennedy for pressing his claim that the scheduled inquest would have violated his constitutional rights. No man, whether of high station or low, should be criticized for availing himself of his rights. "If the exercise of constitutional rights will thwart the effectiveness of a system of law enforcement," as former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg declared in the Escobedo case, "then there is something very wrong with that system."

Lt is, Mr. Kennedy's claim that Judge James A. Boyle of the Edgartown District Court erred legally when he ruled that the inquest be opened to the press. This is a questionable contention. The state's inquest law declares that all persons not required by law to attend an inquest "may be excluded" by the judge. By

obvious implication, all such persons need not be excluded.

This newspaper, believing that a closed inquest would only have fed suspicions that the state's judicial machinery was being manipulated in the senator's behalf, hailed Judge Boyle's ruling at the time and sees no reason to change its viewpoint now. But the senator's right to seek a ruling by the full bench of the Supreme Judicial Court on whether an open inquest violates his constitutional rights ought not to be doubted -and that, in fact, is just what Supreme Court Justice Paul C. Reardon provided for Tuesday in ordering the inquest postponed.

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It is impossible to disagree with Judge Reardon's conclusion that "grave constitutional questions" were raised by the senator when he said the inquest would deprive him of his full rights of representation by counsel, of confrontation and cross-examination of hostile witnesses, to present evidence in his own behalf and to compel attendance of witnesses in his own behalf.

It is true that the inquest law does not expressly grant these rights, and that they have not been afforded witnesses in past inquests. An inquest is supposed to be investigatory—a one-sided preliminary inquiry by legal authorities rather than a criminal trial. But again, the senator had a right to test whether such an inquiry, especially since it was to be open to the press, would conform to current constitutional standards of legal representation and due process of law.

Only time will tell whether Sen.

Kennedy exercised good political judgment in heading off a proceeding that might have cleared the air.

But it cannot be said that he was wrong to avail himself of existing legal procedures for the vindication of his rights.

By DAVE O'BRIAN, ED CORSETTI & BILL DUNCLIFFE

Common Please Court Judge ernard Brominski in Wilkes- arre, Pa., denied Wednesday attempt by the parents of ary Jo- Kopechne to block ary Jo- Kopechne to block list. Atty. Edmund Dinis from cidental drawing and third led and a determination made Bernard Brominski in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., denied Wednesday an attempt by the parents of Mary Jo- Kopechne to block Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis from securing an autopsy on her body — but stopped short of giving the prosecutor a total victory on the issue.

Brominiski said that before he would consider granting permission for exhumation of Mary Jo's remains from her grave in nearby Larksville, Dinis would have to come up with a stronger, set of reasons fro making such a request.

He gave him 20 days in which to do so.

Judge Brominski said that he has the authority to grant, "exhumation and autopsy in a proper case," but warned that Dinis must "set forth sufficient facts under Pennsylvania law to

warrant" an autopsy.

He said Dinis would have to show that "the circumstances of death has not been clearly established,"and that an autopsy would resolve "the doubt and suspicion surrounding the death."

The judge notified Dinis by mail, but the latter had not arrived in New Bedford when in announcement was made in Wilkes-Barre. As a result Dinis'. assisfant, Armand Fernandes telephoned Judge Brominski for the decision.

Dinis and Fernandes said they would file a bill of particulars within the 20 days allowed by Judge Brominski and both expressed confidence the exhumation and authopsy would be allowed. would be allowed.

Brominski, President Judge of the Criminal Division of the Common Pleas Court of Luzerne County, ruled against the Kopechnes on three of the four claims they made in asking that Dinis' petition for the that Dinis' petition for the autopsy be dismissed.

They were, first, that he had no authority to order an au-

cidental drowning, and, third, that there was no law that would give a Pennsylvania court the jurisdiction to order an autopsy in the case.

But he sustained them in their fourth contention — that Dinis had failed to present enough facts to warrant his request being granted, and said he would give the prosecutor 20 days in which to file an amended petition.

"The court, along with millions of other individuals, has read and heard of the events of the death of Mary Jo Kopechne," he declared, "but this cannot be substituted for allegations of fact in a judicial way. tions of fact in a judicial pro-ceeding."

- Brominski's nine-page ruling was one of two courtroom developments in the legal turmoil that has developed since Mary Jo died six weeks ago in a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Vineyard, where the inquest in-In Edgartown on Martha's to the accident was to have convened Wednesday morning—until Justice Paul C. Reardon of the Supreme Judicial Court ordered a halt—District Court Judge James A. Boyle formally obeyed that edict.

Boyle, who would have conducted the inquest, entered his courtroom promptly at . 9:30 a. m., carrying in his hands a copy of the motion by Kennedy's lawyers which prompted Judge Reardon to act.

In a matter-of-fact tone of voice, Boyle read from the title

of the motion, and said:
"On the petition filed by Edon the pethaon med by Edward M. Kennady against James
A. Boyle as he is the justice of the District Court of Dukes
County, presented to the Supreme Judicial Court yesterday. fopsy's second that the request I have been ordered not to pro-for an autopsy amounted to a ceed any further with the in-

such time as a hearing may he (Indicate page, name of by the full bench of the Supreme Judicial Court...

"Therefore, this inquest is adjourned until that time."

Boyle then left the benchand in one minute it was all

Kennedy's petition for a writ of certiorari-which was tanta-

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Boyle's rulings and actions by the Suprem'e Court, was based on two points. One was that Kennedy was being deprived of his Constitutional rights by the refusal of Judge Boyle to allow him, at an inquest, the safe-guards granted to lawyers and clients at a criminal proceeding. The other was that massive preinquest publicity had caused irremediable harm to the senator.

Although Reardon reported the issues to the full bench of the court for a rulin, it is not expected that a hearing can be held by the seven justices until next month, since the Court-does not begin its fall session until Oct. 6.

Brominski's decision had been awaited for several days, since lawyers representing Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopechne of Berkeley Heights, N.J., asked him to dismiss Dinis' petition for the autopsy.

Brominski walked into his courtrom at 11 a.m. and handed copies of his nine-page ruling to a waitin horde of newsmen, saying:

"entlemen, I have copies of the decision. I prefer not to have questions on the ramifica-tions of the decision or any-

thing else."
On the first Kopechne claim, that his court did not have authority in the case, Brominski

While the petition for an exhumation and autopsy does not name a criminal defendant or even state that a crime has been committed, it is brought! right to conduct an autopsy in

in the name of the District Attorney in and for the Southern District of Massachusetts, and the Medical Examiner in and for Dukes County, Mass., and sets forth that an inquest will convene on Sept. 3, 1969, in Dukes County, Mass., inquiring into the facts surrounding the death of Mary Jo Kopechne.

"This certainly suggests that the inquiry here (on the autopsy petition) is of a criminal rather than a civil nature.

"In view of this, one is constrained to conclude that as between the Criminal, Equity, and Ohphans Court Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas-of Luzerne County, the Crim-inal Division is the most ap-propriate Division to resolve the isues herein."

On the second Kopechne claim, that the petition was a collateral attack on Dr. Mills and that a legal determination made in one state, Massachu-setts, cannot be collaterally attacked in another, Bromin-ski declared: 1000

"The petition does not dispute the cause of death as determined by Dr. Donald Mills: Thus, this court does not know at this time the intention of the Massachusetts authorities in this regard, or what proofs will be offered at the hearing.

"Accordingly, this court can-not speculate as to a possible collateral attack on Dr. Mills' determination, and therefore it cannot be considered at this time.

The third claim by the Ko-pechne lawyers was that the

a criminal investigation was a right created by law out they said there is no law that gives a Pennsylvania court the authority to order one in these circumstances.

Brominski cited several precedents, which he said clearly established the inherent powers of the courts to "consider and determine the issues involved herein," and he added:

"It is equally clear that a court in the exercise of its discretion is not reluctant to grant an exhumation and autopsy in a proper case, but it cannot intelligently exercise its discretion until it has before it facts of record."

Only on the fourth claim did he sustain the position of Mary Jo's family. He noted that in Dinis' petition for the autopsy the district attorney had set forth that Mary Jo was buried in Larksville, that an inquest into her death was pending, and its purpose was to determine purpose was to determine "whether or not there is any sufficient reason to believe the sudden death of Mary Jo. Kopechnè may have resulted from the act of negligence of a person or persons of her than the de-ceased."

He noted, too, that Dinis maintained an autopsy would be needed "in order that the circumstances of death be clearly established and the doubt and suspicion surrounding the death be resolved."

A pending inquest in another jurisdiction does not afford this court the opportunity of weighing the right of the parents to have their daughter's corps remain undisturbed as against the

public interest in thet administration of justice." Brominski said.

"The Kopechnes may have no standing in the inquest, but most certainly can exercise thier right to be heard at the ceedings," he declared. exhumation and autopsy pro-

He found fault with the claim. made before him last week by Asst. Dist. Atty. Armand Fernandes, Jr., who is Dinis' chief aide, that "the fact that an inquest is being held is sufficient fact alone to justify the autopsy."

There was, Brominski said, a

"thread of inconsistency" in that reasoning, in that it would deny him the exercise of his discretion as a judge on whether to grant permission for the autopsy.

Further, he declared, Dinis had asked in his petition that Mary Jo's parents be notified that he was seeking an autopsy.

"If it is seriously argued that an autopsy automatically results when an inquest is conducted, what useful purpose has it served to give notice to the Kopechnes," the judge asked "It would be a vain act, or in fact tantamount to no notice at all."

The Real Issue Credibility

EDGARTOWN — This was to have been the place where Sen. Edward Kennedy would tell his story about the night of July 18 when Mary Jo Kopechne lost her life in the Kennedy car at the Chappaquiddick Island bridge.

But within the Kennedy organization, therehas always been the argument between the lawyers
who are defending Sen. Kennedy in this case and the
staff members who are the
defenders of his public

image.

In the end the lawyers won out with Kennedy.

And last night the entire inquest apparatus was being dismantled, perhaps for another day.

What is important is the decision by Kennedy to go with his lawyers.

He had from the outset said that he would be available to testify at the inquest. When Judge James Boyle said he thought Kennedy's testimony would be vital to the hearing and he might have to be subpoenaed, it was made clear by the Kennedy lawyers that he would volunteer his appearance.

In Washington, his own staff members wel-

inquest.

It would, they said privately, give the senator a chance to tell his story, to strike down all the innuendos, all the gossip that has been associated with the case.

And he would have a chance to answer fully those questions that were not answered either in his first statement to the police in Edgartown or in his public television statement the week after the accident.

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These were the men
who have watched Sen. Kennedy develop in the
Senate. These were the men whose own lives, the
successes and the failures, are tied very closely
with those of the senator.

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These were the men who would say three . months ago that Sen. Kennedy was not running for the presidency, but who knew very well that he could have the Democratic presidential nomination for the asking in 1972.

The advice from the lawyers who are defending him in this case was clearly something else. They are interested in the immediate problem. He was involved in what they called an accu-

satory process of the law in the inquest.

... Because Kennedy could be accused, their job was to protect his rights. They wanted the right to cross-examine witnesses and they wanted, as lawyers for Kennedy, to be present in the courtroom when other witnesses testified.

Denied those rights, they wanted the inquest lalted.

Kennedy had to decide between these two positions.

halted.

pósitions. The decision was very fundamental both to his case and perhaps to the public career of the Sen-

ator. But Kennedy was aware what public response might be to lawwho represent him, arguing in a high court over the ground rules under which he will testify at an inquest.

Kennedy then had to make a decision, one involving his private life and the other involving his public life.

Politically, this will not be read as a decision in which he wanted to get his story told to the public.

: His attorney, Edward Hanify, made an-

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other point in court about the vast amount of pub-

licity that the case has received.

Sen. Kennedy is very much a public man and the U.S. Supreme Court long ago ruled that public men can be measured by a different yardstick because they are afforded a public forum where they can answer their critics.

But the real test is not really here in a courtroom in Edgartown or in the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston.

What is at stake here is a public man's credibility—whether the public really believes that Sen. Kennedy has leveled with them in this case.

Because if they do not believe this, as Sen. Kennedy himself said in his televised statement, he cannot serve.

That's the real issue in this case for Sen.
Kennedy.

Ted may avoid 5th Amendment

It is clear now that Sen. Edward Kennedy will have a chance to tell his entire story.

Edgartown District Court Judge James A. Boyle has said that the inquest cannot go forth without the principal witness and has indicated that if Sen. Kennedy does not come forth voluntarily, which he has said he will do, he will be called by the court.

There will be no cross-examination in the procedure. Kennedy will have the right to counsel when he takes the stand, which means also that his

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lawyers can advise him not to answer questions or to take the Fifth Amendment in case of self-incrimination.

This, of course, has been the problem for the senator, from the beginning. He has

had to protect his public posture as a public man and he also has had to keep in mind that if there were a case of proved negligence, a criminal charge could result against him.

Those who have talked to the senator since the accident leave with the impression that he is acute-

ly aware of the delicate balance presented by these two problems.

It will be very difficult for the senator to plead the Fifth Amendment. He is entitled to the protection against self-incrimination as is any person, and as one of his lawyers said yesterday, he should be treated as any other citizen, not as a United States senator.

That is fine rhetoric, but the problem is that Kennedy will have his political career on the line when he that Edgartown court-

takes the witness stand in that Edgartown courtroom.

There will be two judgments made after his testimony. One will be legal and will determine whether any further action should be taken against him or whether the case will be closed.

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The second judgment will be made by thousands of persons who will read his testimony. Some will decide from that testimony whether they will support his candidacy for re-election to s the Senate. His credibility will be judged.

Clearly, now Kennedy knows that he made huge mistakes in the way he handled the entire case. He knows he should have notified the police immediately.

The construction of the television statement was not the wisest of judgments either. The television statement appeared to be too much the work of writers and too thin on facts. There was appeal to the emotion rather than to reason. Unless all questions were answered there was no need for the statement.

There was the immediate response to the television statement. It was an emotional response, but the questions unanswered would not go away. They persisted.

Perhaps there would not have been an inquest if all the questions had been answered.

One of the great problems in this case is that no

one appears neutral. The letters that come flocking into this newspaper office are either violently against Kennedy or totally for him. It has unleashed the venom of a number of Kennedy haters, and, on the other side, anyone who asks legitimate questions is criticized by the Kennedy sup-porters. It is like a political campaign when in fact it should simply be an examination for the truth.

It is fortunate that there is an inquest for



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it will give Sen. Kennedy an opportunity to tell the entire story. Judge Boyle has made it clear that Kennedy's rights will be protected and that, the hearing will be fair and impartial. The peripheral matter of the legions of press, radio and television people descending on the island of Martha's Vineyard should not detract from the importance of what goes on inside that district courtroom.

The thing that brings them there is that a man who was considered for the presidency is in a sense on trial to determine whether he will be given that chance again.

Battle Looms On the Rights Witnesses

By JEAN COLE, ED CORSETTI; and BILL DUNCLIFFE

The lawyers who were denied the chance to call or cross-exam-ine witnesses at next week's in-Guest into the death of Mary Jo Kopecine met secretly in Bos-ton Friday in an effort to make another attempt to win their point:

"You have an idea what we plan to do," said a source close to the lawyers as they huddled behind closed doors to nail down their strategy.

their strategy.

It was reported that most of the attorneys favored going into Federal Court with a petition for a restraining order that would prevent Edgartown District Court Judge James A. Boyle from going ahead with the inquest until the constitutional issues have been resolved.

The battery of legal talent discussed their common problem for several hours at Ed-gartown Thursday after their motions to secure for their cli-ents the same safeguards they would have in a trial were denied by Judge Boyle.

Then they boarded a chartered plane and came to Boston for another meeting, which was for another meeting, which was helieved to be going on in the office of Atty. Edward B. Hanify at 225 Franklin st. A reporter who called at the office was told Hanify was in conference. When he sat down in the outer office to wait for the meeting. when he sat down in the outer office to wait for the meeting to end, he was asked to leave. Hanify and Attys. Robert G. Clark, Jr. and Robert G. Clark, III., of Brockton represented Sen. Edward M. Kennedy before Judge Boyle. It was Hanify who argied for the motion Atty Joseph P. Donahue of Lowell represented Paul F. Markham of Melrose and Joseph F. Gargan Jr. of Milton, while Attys Paul J. Redmond and Daniel Daley, Sr. of Boston represented the fire Boston represented the five girls and three other mcn who attended a Chappaquiddick Island cookout shortly before Mary Jo was killed.

Most, if not all, of the law-yers were believed to be taking part in the Boston meeting.

At Edgartown, the excitement that accompanied the two days of pre-inquest hearings before Judge Boyle was all but gone. But preparations for the inquest itself went ahead at full tilt.

District Court Clerk Thomas Teller posted a list of 150 newsmen, and the papers, magazines, and radio and TV stations they

represent who have applied for credentials to cover the pro-

ceeding.

Reporters and papers from as far away as Australia and Japan are on the list.

Olice Chief Dominick J.

Arena, in a move to keep photo-graphers from blocking the estreet outside the courthouse when the inquest starts Wednesday, ordered a platform erected for them at South School st., which is directly across from the building and affords a clear view of it.

State Det. Lts. George Killen, Bernard Flynn and John Dunn, who are making a pre-inquest prob for Dist. Edmund Dinis, went to Chappaquiddick Island with an artist, who was given the job of drawing a floor diagram of the cottage where the cookout was held.

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A preinquest hearing was scheduled in Edgartown, Mass., this morning for the several lawyers who will participate in the Sept. 3 inquest into the death of Mary; Jo Kopechne.

The hearing was called by District Court Judge James A. Boyle, who is to preside over the inquest. Today's hearing is reported to have been initiated by attorneys representing potential witnesses who expect to be called during the course of the inquest.

Apparently the attorneys wish to set "ground rules" for the hearing.

District Attorney Edmund L. Dinis—who originally called for the inquest—is expected to announce today whether or not the inquest will be postponed. There is more than a slight possibility that there will be a postponement, since the Kopechnes in Wilkes. Barre, Pa., where their daughter is buried, have petitioned the Luzerne County Court to forbid Mr. Dinis to exhume Miss Kopechne's body. Mr. Dinis wants the body exhumed

Luzerne County Court Judge Bernard Brominshi-may announce his ruling on the exhumation request today also.

for the purpose of a formal autopsy.

Miss-Kopechne drowned when a car driven by Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy went off a bridge into a tidal pool off Chappaquiddick Island on July 18. 2 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR Boston, Mass.

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By JEAN COLE, ED CORSETTI and BILL DUNCLIFFI

EDGARTOWN — District lawyer mat he would be court Judge James A. Boyle when needed was but on of many surprises at the hearing.

The others were: EDGARTOWN - District lawyer that he would be here to testify voluntarily at next week's inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne he may issue a summons to force him to attend.

"One thing I do know," Boyle declared, "is that it is essential that r. Kennedy be present as a witness. If he is not here, I will see whether a subpoena shall be issued."

Atty, Robert G. Clark, Jr., one of a quartet of lawyers representing the senator at what had been expected to be a fairly quiet hearing on ground rules for the inquest, replied:

"Edward M. Kennedy will be present at any time you designate, your honor."

Dist Atty. Edmund Dinis, who indicated some time ago that he might not call Kennedy to testify, was silent during the heated exchange between Boyle and Clark, but after the court session was over he declared:

"I was actually relieved that he (Boyle) assumed the burden of that responsibility. If he had not there would be some who would have read things into it. I think it best that he (Kennedy) be here.'

The threat to summons Kennedy and the promise by his

A motion by lawyers forseveral prospective witnesse that they and their clients be afforded all the protection and rights granted in a criminal trial.

• A hint that they would take other action if their motion was denied.

6 A statement by Dinis that the inquest would get underway Sept. 3 as scheduled.

o An indication by Dinis that it would last twice as long as expected, and that he wound call twice as many witnesses as planned.

• The possibility, voiced by Dinis, that he may have to ask! for an interruption of the in-quest "because of something" that may happen- in Pennsylvania."

That was an obvious reference to the decision of Common Pleas Court Judge Bernard Brominiski in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to approve Dinis' request for an autopsy on Mary Jo.

Should Brominiski decide to Droceed with the district of

proceed with the district at-torney's petition, a hearing probably would be held during

the inquest.

The session between Boyle and the lawyers revolved principally about their motion that he conduct the inquest as he would a trial,

They produced a recent Su-preme Court ruling in support of the motion, and Alty. Paul J. Redmond of Bosta told Boyle that if he refused to accept it he would ask for sill another hearing "because we will have to take proper procedural ac-tions to assure due process to our chents,"

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rosearch the law than I," he told them, "and your sources on the mainland are much greater than mine. You should have come prepared with a full memo on the law so that another hearing would not be required.
You could have been prepared to do this."

The lawyers said that was what they had done, that they believed a memo on the Su-preme Court decision which they had submitted was enough to enable him to make a deci-

"It's my general understanding of the inquest law that it is not a trial; there is no de-fendant, no one is accused, and constitutional rights that pertain in a criminal trial do not pertain in an inquest," the judge said, and then asked:

"Am I correct that that generally is the law?"

"No, your honor," Clark replied and cited English law and the Supreme Court decision to back up his claim that what he and his associates were asking in demanding all the protec-tions, restrictions, and rights of a trial, as guaranteed by the Constitution. Further, he said, the Constitution took precedence

over Massachusetts law. "Do you mean every witness would have a lawyer, or be entitled to have one, in the court-room?" Boyle wanted to know.

"No, only those in focal position as in any criminal case,"
Clark replied. "Take for example the young ladies..." "You mean they should have

the right not to answer certain questions?" Boyle asked.
"Well; not necessarily,' Clark answered, "but are they to be pilloried and not be allowed to give full answers to allegations. This is an accusatory procedure."

Clark conceded, in answering a question by the judge, that no inquest had ever been heldthe manners lawyers want this

one held—in Massachusetts.

Redmond, who is representing the five girls and three of the men who were present at the cookout that preceded Mary Jo's death, insisted that in any other case, in any court in the state, he and the others would have the information they have

needed to advise their client. He said they must know the time limits of the trial, and

asked:
"Are they (his clients) going to come here and be asked not only their name, age, and address, but every friend they had in high school, what schools they went to, and the like? Is this going to be in the nature of a slander case, where some-one's whole life is laid open, or are we going to operate with rules and procedures and specific boundary dates?"

Boyle had-declared, at the outset, that he was not sure whether the motions and requests for rulings submitted to him by the lawyers shortly before court were appropriate "at

this time."
"I may or may not rule on them, but you will be informed when I make a decision," he declared.

It was that statement that led to the heated discussion that followed, and, ultimately,

Boyle indicated that, because the inquest was so close there may not be enough time to consider and rule on the mo-

"The time is of the essence when the reputation of a man is at stake," Clark declared loudly. .

"You feel strongly about this, don't you," Bople commented. "I will set down a hearing on the motions for tomorrow at 10 a. m."

The lawyers—there were nine of them representing prospective witnesses—also submitted a letter asking questions on ground rules for the inquest. Some of the questions appeared to be almost similar to what was sought in the motion.

They included:

- file appearances.
- @ Whether they would be allowed to be present during the entire inquest.
 - O Whether they should have

Redmond did not say whether this meant an appeal to a higher court, but he added:

"We don't want to stall this inquest. We want it to go forward. But we need ground rules to advise our clients; otherwise, we hav eto operate in a vacu-

That seemed to stir Boyle's anger, and touched off a fre-quently loud echange between him and several of the attornews.

right to advise their clients in of Edgartown represented Ken-

Whether they would be allowed the right to reasonably object to questions.

Whether they would have the right to examine and crossexamine.

Whether the court would allow written statements to be made in lieu of testimony.

What the scope of the inquest would be

Whether they would have the right to call witnesses.

• Whether witnesses would be sequestered. . .

. Whether they could have a stenographer present.

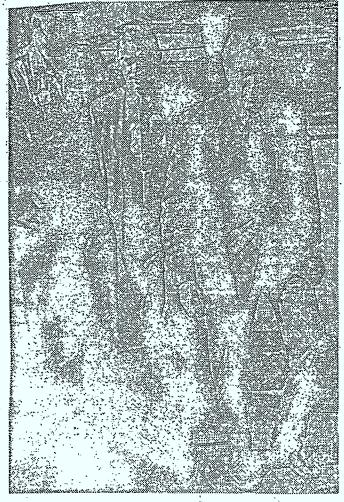
By whom and in what manner would witnesses be examined, and what the physical aspects of the court would be: would the lawyers be able to sit with their clients, have desks, etc.

nedy at the hearing.

Redmond and Daniel Daley, Sr., of Boston repre-sented Esther Newberg, Nancy and Maryllen Lyons, Susan Tannenbuam, Rosemary Keough, Jack Crimmins, Raymond LaRosa, and Charles Tretter, all of whom were at the Chappaquiddick cookout.

Atty Joseph P. Donahue of Lowell represented Paul F. Markham and Joseph F. Gargan, Jr. and Atty. James L. Kenney, Jr., of Oak Bluffs represented Associate Medical Examiner Donald R. Mills.

Some surprise was occasioned by Atty Rich H. Worth of Edgartown, who said he was representing the Pennsylvania lawyers who have been retained by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopechne, Mary Jo's parents. Worth asked that space be set aside for the Pennsylvania law Clark, his son Robert G. Clark, III, of Brockton, and Attys. Edward B. Hanify of Boston and Richard McCarron Epresentative to the inquest.



With his bodyguard State Police Cpl. Robert Enos by his side, Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis, right, arrives at Edgarfown for preliminary hearing.

By JACK WHARTON, DAVE O'BRIAN and BILL DUNCLIFFE

An armed state trooper has privilege. been assigned as a personal guard for Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis because of several legiti-

mate threats against his life, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The trooper, identified as Cpl.
Robert Enos of the Bourne Barracks, was given the duty of protecting the prosecutor by Maj. John Moriarty after detectives at State Police headquar-ters satisfied themselves that the threats to kill Dinis were real rather than the work of cranks.

Encs, who went into plain clothes for the assignment, has been at Dinis' side for the past fe wdays, and accompanied him. to Pennsylanvia for a court hearing there Monday.

The Record American learned that after several letters were received warning Dinis that his life was in jcopardy_because of his work in the Kennedy case, his aides prevailed on him to turn the notes over to the State Police.

Dinis agred to do so, although he aparently did not take the threats as seriously as did his staff. However, after Capt. Daniel I. Murphy, head of the State Police Detective Bureau, and several other investigators and technicians examined the letters, the police guard was ordered.

Under the law, the State Police are required to supply guards for the Governor, all constitutional officers, judges of the various state courts, and district attorneys—if they are

Despite the threats, he continued his preparations for the inquest scheduled for Sept. 3 at Edgartown into the accident

which killed Mary Jo Kepechne and cast the political future of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy into serious doubt.

Dinis and Asst. Dist. Atty. Armand Fernandes, Jr., plan to be in Edgartown Wednesday morning for a hearing before District Court Judge James A. Boyle, who will conduct the inquest.

The hearing, which will be open to the press, will be to discus's "procedural matters which may arise as a result of the inquest," according to Clerk of Court Thomas Teller.

What that appeared to mean was that Judge Boyle will listen to Dinis and lawyers who have been retained by several prospective witnesses at the inquest, and will then lay down the ground rules under which it will be held.

Among the lawyers invited to the "pre-inquest hearing" were Attys. Richard J. McCarron of Edgartown and Robert Clark, Jr., of Brockton, Joseph P. Donahue of Lowell, Paul J. Redmond of Boston, and James L. Kenney, Jr., of Ook Bluffs.

McCarron and Clark represented Kennedy last month when the senator pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of the ac-cident in which Mary Jo was killed; Donahue represents Kennedy confidents Paul F. killed; mediasted.

Markham of Melrose and in favor of Dinis, he might have child now, however, Dinis Joseph Gargan of Milton; Red- to ask for time to go to Wilkeshas not availed himself of that mond has been hired by Jack Barre for the hearing.

Crimmins of South Boston, an occasional chauffeur for the senator, and by Susan Tannenbaum, Rosemary Keough, Esther Newberg, and Nance and Maryellen Lyons, all of whom were present at the cookout on Chappaquiddick Island shortly before Mary Jo was killed, and Kenney is counsel for Associate Medical Examiner Donald R. Mills, who ruled Mary Jo a victim of accidental description but decided as drowning but decided an autopsy on her body was not needed.

No decision has been madeyet on whether a delay in the start of the autopsy, or a recess while it is in progress, will be necessary.

That decision apparently hinges on what ruling is made by Judge Bernard Brominski of Common Pleas Court in Kopechne to block Dinis in his tempt by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on an at-efforts to have an autopsy performed.

If Brominski heeds the parents' plea to dismiss the district attorney's petition for exhumation of the body, that will presumably end the matter.

But, if he decides against the Kopechnes, he must then set a date for a hearing on the Dinis petition, and he indicated that could not be held until some

time next week.

And it is just that last point that might dietate a delay or recess in the inquest — which is also set for next week,- for if the Pennsylvania court rules (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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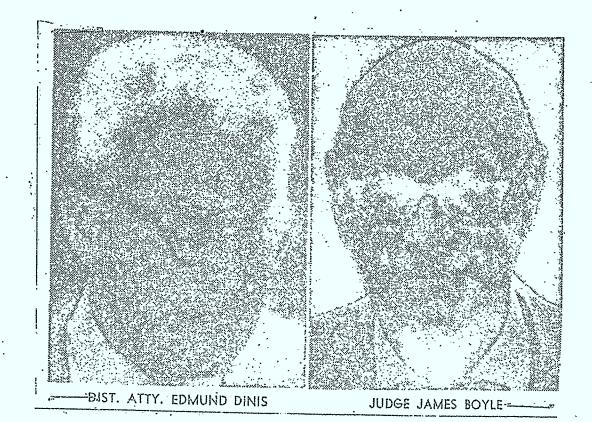
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Philip Cronin, 21, Wellesley, who works as a cabbie in Edgartown during the summer.

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Cabbie's Log Adds To Time Mixup in Mary Jo Tragedy

By FEAN COLE

EDGARTOWN—Another apparent confusion of times in the Ted Kennedy tragedy cropped up Tuesday with the story told by Philip Cronin a 71-yearo-ld Wellesley resident who works as a cabble here during the summer.

Cronin said that on July 19, the morning after Mary Jo Kopechae drowned, he drove three girls from Edgartown to the Katama Shores Motel; also known as The Dunes.

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when a state delective showed Cronin pictures of the five girls who were with Mary Jo, Kennedy and several of the senator's friends at a cookout that immediately preceded her death, he positively one of them as one of his passengers on that trip.

According to a cab company official who checked Cronin's log, he could not have made that run before 10:30 or 11 a.m.

If correct, that would be at least an hour later than the time Mary Jo's friend, Estther Newberg, was quoted as saying she and the other girls were driven to the motel by Joseph Gargan, the senator's cousin.

In news stories several days after the accident, Miss Newberg was credited with saying that early on the morning of the 19th, Susan Tannenbaum and Rosemary Keough left Chappaquiddick Island with Gargan and Charles Tretter for breakfast at Martha's Vineyard.

She said that about 9 a.m., she and Maryellen and Nance Lyons started to walk from the

Lawrence cottage, where the cookout had been held to the Chappaquiddick ferry slip, when they met Gargan and the others, who were on their way back.

Everyone, she said, went back to the cottage, where Gargan told them "we can't find Mary Io"

Then she said, according to the news reports, that he took the 'girls across to Edgartown and drove them to the motel, only to call them on the phone about 10 a. m. to tell them Mary Jo's body had been found—that she had drowned despite Kennedy's efforts to save her.'

Cronin's story was this

"On that Saturday morning, three girls walked up from the ferry, and got into the back seat of my cab. They asked to be driven to the Dunes Motel.

"While we were going there I tried to make conversation. I asked them questions, the harmless sort of questions you might ask any girls getting into your cab.

"They seemed unusually quiet. I left them at the motel and didn't think any more of it until I saw the pictures in the newspapers and realized that they were the girls from the cottage."

Cronin said one of the de-

fectives assigned to Dist Atty. Edmund Dinis showed him photographs about a week ago. He said he positively identified one of them as having been his fare the morning after Mary Jodled, but he wasn't sure about any of the others.

Cronin works for a taxi firm operated by Christopher F. Look, Sr.

According to company records, Cronin reported for work at 8 a. m. on July 19. His log for that morning showed several trips between Edgartown and the Martha's Vineyard Airport, and one from the airport to Oyster Pond.

It also contained an entry that showed Edgartown as the starting point and read:

"Three girls here to Katama Shores."

Look's wife, who keeps track of logs for the company, examined the one made by Cronin on the 19th and said he could not have made the trip to the motel before 10.30 a. m.

Her son, Deputy Sheriff Christopher F. Look, Jr., is slated to be one of the prime witnesses at the inquest which is scheduled to get under way here Sept. 3. And, curiously enough, his story also involves

a difference in times.

According to Kennedy, the accident occurred shortly after 11:15 p. m. on the 18th when he took a wrong turn at the Dyke rd. while driving Mary Jo to the ferry.

But according to Look, he saw Kennedy's car at the Dyke-rd, intersection at 12:40 a.m., nearly 90 minutes later.

ue Kopech

WILKE'S-BARRE Pa-A lawyer for the parents of Mary Jo Kopechne urged Monday that the application of Dist. Atty: Edmund Dinis: for an autopsy be denied because there was no evidence given that 'a crime had been committed in Pennsylvania or elsewhere."

Prening Judge Bernard torney's request, that hearing Brominski of Common Pleas to the week of Sept. 1.

Gourt said, after hearing are to the week of Sept. 1.

"That's a reasonable expectation of Atty. Joseph Flana tion," he told reporters and that Dinis; request be displayed whether a hearmissed, it would be at least 48 in at that late—for his purposes ours before he makes a decitation.

By DAVE O'BRIAN and BILL DUNCLIFFE

the inquest which has been set. If would do what a reason-for next week.

Brominski told reporters that, if he decided to reject Flanagan, in his argument began's motion and set a date for a hearing on the district attorney's request, that hearing would probably not be held into the attempt by Dinis to have. Mary, Jo's body exhumed from its grave, declaring:

"That's a reasonable was a "Nowhere does the petition"

date, would delay the start of the inquest, first hedged at an And Disis indicated that the swering the question, but then lecision could force a delay in replied.

"Nowhere does the petition cite sufficient reasons why the wishes of the next-of-kin should be disregarded; the sanctity of the sepulchre be disturbed of the law of Pennsylvania, which makes. desecration of a grave a crime, be ignored."

Assot, Dist Alty Armand Fernandes, who carried the argument for Dinis, replied to that point by saying

Reverence for the memory of those departed does not re quire us to abdicate our duty."

Present in the courtroom, but Present in the courtroom, but silent throughout the hour-long arguments on Flanagan's motion that Dinis; petition for the autopsy be dismissed, was the district attorney himself, sitting at a table with Fernandes on the right side of the room; With them was Asst Dist. Atty. Francis Burns, an aide to Luzerne County Dist. At ty. Blythe Evans, Jr., who was apparently there to brief Fernandes and Dinis; on points of

nandes and Dinis on points of Pennsylvania law.

Directly to their rear was Flanagan and his associates in the case, Attys. John O'Connoi and Charles, Shaffer of Wilkes

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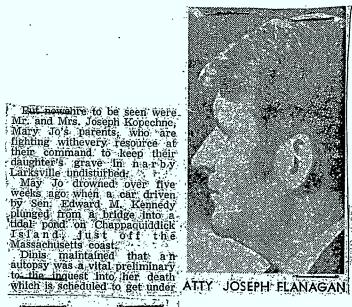
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way at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Sept. 3. Flanagan attacked the district

attorney's petition on four main issues, to each of which Fer-nandes offered a brief rebuttal.

They were:

%-The criminal division of Judge Brominski's court had no jurisdiction, since there was no evidence that a crime had been committed.

W.—The petition was a collateral attack by Dinis on Associate Medical Examiner Donald R. Mills of Edgartown, who — without an autopsy—ruled that Mary Jo was a victure of the control of the work of the control of the tim of accidental drowning.

%-The sanctity of the supulchre.

%—There we re insufficent indications in the petition that negligence or a crime was responsible for Mary Jo's death.

On the first point; Flanagan said;
"Traditionally, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; courts of equity have jurisdiction over burials and disinterments."

He said his research of crim-



Edmund Dinis, (right), Dukes County DA, and Judge Bernard Brominski of Luzerne County, Pa.

inal court records showed only seven cases which dealt with exhumations, and each had to do with a situation where a crime had been committed.

In only one was an exhumation allowed, Flanagan main-tained and in that one the defendant was already on trial.

According to Flanagan, while Dinis had authority to order an autopsy on Mary Jo while her body was still in his jurisdiction. tion, he lost that authority the moment it was shipped out of

State:
In his rebuttal, Fernandes said the jurisdiction of courts of equity over exhumations in requity over exhamations have been sylvania does not apply "to exhamations requested by public officials to determine whether a crime has been com-

"Once a body is buried, it is "Once a body is buried, it is within the power of the law and the removal of it is within the power of the court," he said. "In the light of the fact that there is going to be an inquest, it is a matter, of comity (to grant an autopsy)." Comity is a term used to describe courtes. a term used to describe courtesies extended in law.

On the second point, Flanagan said Dinis was attempting to attack, in a Pennsylvania court, the judgment of a medical examiner in Massachusetts.

Nowhere, he said, does the district attorney's petition claim that Dr. Mills acted "in bad faith."

Flanagan held that the only ways the application would be falled to say whether the negli-ways the application would be falled to say whether the negli-valid would be if Dr. Mills had gence was a civil or criminal act, and added; made no determination at all 1. "The petition doesn't; state



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about whether an autopsy was whether these are legal doubts required:

Neither is true in this case and thus the petition ought to picion be dismissed immediately," he ple declared.

In his reply, Fernandes de-

In his reply, Fernandes de Brominski about whether there clared:

"I know of no authority that states that a death certificate is a legal determination. This is not an attack on Dr. Mills:

"There will be an inquest, and the sole purpose of the autopsy is to ascertain the fruth. It for an autopsy could possibly confirm the opinion of the medical examine."

Point Three, on, the sanctity of the sepulchre, was dealt with by Fernandes with the one sent-

by Fernandes with the one sentence that reverence for the dead could not be allowed to take precedence over duty.

Drecedence over duty:
On Point Four, Flanagam cited two paragraphs in Dinis' petitio nwhich said an autopsy was needed to determine whether "death may have resulted from the active negligence of a person or persons unknown;" and to remove "doubt or suspiction," which have arisen. ion," which have arisen

These, he said, were insufficent reasons because the petition falled to say whether the negli-



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and or merely doubt and suspición on the part of some peo-

Fernandes, asked by Judge Brominski about whether there

Dinis and Pa. Judge to Confer On Autopsy Petition Objections

Objections filed by Mary-Jo Kopechne's parents have forced Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis to fly to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., today for a pre-hearing conference with the judge who will hear his petition for exhumation of May Jo's body next Monday.

Mary Jo, 28, campaign aide to the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, drowned on Chap-paquiddick Island, Martha's Vineyard, when a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy plunged off Dike Bridge into Pochas Pond there July 1i.

Dinis is seeking an autopsy on Mary Jo's body prior

to an inquest scheduled to open in Edgartown Sept. 3. Associate Dukes County Medical Examiner Dr. Donald R. Mills ruled that Miss Kopechne died of accidental drowning. His finding, reached without conducting an autopsy, was criticized by Dinis as "a calculated

Dinis as "a calculated guess."

"We're only doing what should have been done before, Dinis said yesterday of his current action.

Formal hearing of his petition for exhumation and an autopsy is scheduled for next Monday in the Luzerne County Common Pleas Court, but objections raised by lawyers for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopechne moved Judge Barnard Borminski to order a pretrial conference in his Wilkes-Barre courthouse chambers today.

Dr. Mills and Dinis have been at odds over responsibility for failure to conduct immediately autopsy after the accident.

Dr. Mills' superior Dakes County Medical Examiner, Dr. Robert W. Nevin, was a signer of Dinis' petition for exhumation but said last night he didn't plan to at-tend the hearing next Mon-day "unless summoned."

"I think time has gone on,

and the effectiveness of an autopsy is becoming more remote," Dr. Nevin said in

Edgartown yesterday.

Dinis said he planned to have both island medical examiners and Edgartown Police Chief Domenick J. Arena as witnesses in the Wilkes-Barre hearing next

week. State Police Lt George Kil<u>len, Dini</u>s' chief investi-

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gator, also was expected to attend.

Dinis has yet to release the list of witnesses he expects to call at the inquest, but it was reported from Washington that five girls who attended the Chappaquiddick Island party for Kennedy campaign room" workers will be voluntary witnesses.

In New York, Theodore C. Sorensen denied reports he received two telephone calls from Sen. Kennedy the night of the accident. Sorensen said he wasn't in his New York apartment at the visiting timė and was friends on Long Island.

"If he had called me," Sorensen said, "I would have advised him immediately to do what he later realized he should have done - namely go to the police promptly.

Last week, the Manchester Union-Leader re-(N.H.) ported that two of 17 calls charged to Sen. Kennedy's telephone credit-card that night had been to Sorensen's apartment.

Sorensen is credited with writing much of the speech Sen. Kennedy made on a national TV hookup a week after the tragedy.

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Dist. Atty. Edmund L. Dinis, or an aide, may go to Wilkes Barre, Pa., Friday to personally present a petition in the Luzerne County Common Peas Court for an autopsy on the body of Mary Jo Kopechne, who drowned July 18 in an accident involving a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the Record American dearned Thursday.

Barre was that unless the petition was delivered by Friday, a two-week delay might result. . There are no sessions of the Comomn Pleas Court on Saturday and the county grand jury meets Monday for a probable two week session.

President Judge Bernard C. Brominski will be occupied with the grand jury, it was announced.

Earlier, the judge said if he received the request by Friday he probably would be able to conduct a hearing the latter part of next week. However, this would require the calling of a special court session because of the sitting of the grand jury:

Because Pennsylvania law does not allow for mailing of petitions for such hearings, either Dinis or a legal representative must appear in court to

request the hearing. In Wilkes Barre, Dist. Atty. Evans disclosed he had both written and talked by telephone to Dinis Thursday morning. He said Dinis called to inquire about the closest airport to Wilkes Barre and indicated he might charter an airplane to

Dinis of his cooperation "within

And, the word from Wilkes the limits of the law" and offered the courtesy of his office, including use of office facilities. He said, however, presentation of the facts of the petition and the expenses of any proceedings would be the responsibility of Dinis' office.

Evans told a reporter he was not completely pleased with Dinis' petition which was re-ceived in the mail earlier by the clerk of the Common Pleas Court. He noted that a death certificate for Miss. Kopechne, signed by an associate medical examiner, stated the cause of death was drowning. The Dinis petition, he said, was signed. by the medical examiner.

Evans said that before the petition was sent to Pennsylvania, Dinis should have gone through the Massachusetts courts and should have obtained a court opinion as to the need for an autopsy.

He said the two most important points to consider now on deciding whether or not to hold an autopsy were: 1. The desires of her parents, and 2. Whether or not there is any imperative reason.

An inquest in Edgartown Disgo there on Friday. trict Court into the death of Miss Kopechne on Chappaquidtrict Court into the death of dick Island, off Edgartown, is set for Sept. 3. A ewo-week delay in the start of a hearing in Wilkes Barre would bring the proceedings to just a few days before the start of the inquest.

In that event, inf an autopsy were allowed, it would have to be performed swiftly to permit a report in time for the inquest. BOSTON GLOBE . Boston, Mass.

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Kennedy Refutes False Whispers

Sen, Edward M. Kennedy spoke bitterly yesterday of "whispers and innuendoes and falsehoods" concerning his July 18 auto accident that killed Mary Jo Kopechne.

"I feel the tragedy of the girl's death," Kennedy said. "That's on my mind. That's what I will always have to live with.

"But what I don't have to live with are the whispers and innuendoes and falsehoods, because they have no basis in fact."

Kennedy said charges contained in syndicated columns written by Jack Anderson are "categorically untrue."

Anderson wrote that Kennedy asked his cousin, Joseph Gargan, to take the blame for the accident.

The New England Tele-phone Co. says legal restrictions prevent it from confirming or denying reports that 17 calls were charged to Kennedy's credit card in the

hours after the accident.
According to the Associated Press, the Manchester, N.H., Union Leader said five of the calls were made shortly before midnight shortly before midnight from the Chappaquiddick Island cottage where Kennedy, Miss Kopechne and others were attending a party.

The other 12 reportedly were made from a motel in Edgartown where Kennedy

was staying.

The telephone company said that use of Kennedy's credit card did not necessarily mean the senator made the calls himself.

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Kennedy intimates add more details to accident

WASHINGTON—Sen. Ted Kennedy has denied my account of what happened on the night he droye off Dyke. Bridge and left Mary Jo Kopechne at the bottom of Poucha Pond. The details were drawn painfully from Kennedy intimates who would have no reason to falsify the facts.

They have now provided a few more details, which help to explain Kennedy's strange conduct after the awful accident.

No doubt he did his best, risking his own life, to save Mary Jo. However, those who know him say he would risk his life ahead of his political career. He has a compulsion which only Kennedy intimates fully understand, to finish the work of his slain brothers.

Every day that he remains in the public spotlight, he risks his life. He is convinced, say intimates, that some demented soul will try to finish off the last Kennedy brother. He fully expects another Lee Oswald or Sirvan Sirban to take a shot at him some day.

Yet he has stayed doggedly in his brothrers' footsteps, speaking out boldly on emosters' footsteps, speaking out boldly on emosters' footsteps, speaking out boldly on emosexcite a psychopath. Kennedy asn't foothardy, and doesn't relish the idea that a mad sniper night be lying for him in ambush. He has even sounded out republican friends about getting a bullet-proof government linousing.

Nevertheless, he has always put public duty ahead of his personal safety...

On the night of the tragedy, apparently, he was willing to risk his life but not his career for Mary Jo. After it was too late to save Mary Jo, he felt it might still be possible to save his presidential dream.

This was his state of mind, apparently, as he avoided lighted homes and a fire station in the tormented midnight walk back to the vacation cottage. He told his cousing Joe Gargan, and his friend Paul Markham, what had happened Gargan agreed to say he had driven the death car.

Gargan had arranged for the cottage and had helped chauffeur the guests. It wouldn't have been difficult for him to convince the authorities that he had borrowed the senator's car to drive Mary Jo-to the terry.

For Gargan, the penalty would have been milior, probably a suspended sentence. For Kennedy, it could mean the ruin of his career, and the end of the Kennedy dream.

Without saying a word to the other guests, Kennedy, Gargan and Markham quietly returned to Dyke Bridge. This gave Gargan a chance to familiarize himself with the accident seene.

Then Gargan and Markham rustled up a boat and delivered Kennedy on the other i side. The senator did, not suddenly jump into the water and impulsively swim the treacherous 150 yard channel as he later sclaimed.

The idea was to remove the senator from the site of the accident. Then Gargan, who

was prepared to take the blame returned with Markham to the cottage. Kennedy managed to slip unnoticed into the Shire town lin, where he was registered. To establish his alibi, he left his room clerk Kennedy complained about the noise next door then asked for the time, explaining he had misplaced his watch.

In other words, he supposedly had out the whole nightmare out of his mind and was concerned about having his sleep disturbed.

The next morning, Gargan and Markham returned to Edgarlown, where they had-dropped off Kennedy in the dark of the night, to pick him up. They assumed that they were still the only three persons who knew about the accident, and they wanted another look at the scene in the daylight.

As they were crossing the channel, however, someone mentioned that a car had been found bottom up in Poucha Pond. Kennedy was shaken and walked off alone to get a hold on his emotions. Standing behind a car, he decided what he must do. It was his moment of truth.

As soon as the ferry docked, he stepped over to a pay phone near the landing and telephoned his attorney. Burke Marshall. Then the senator returned on the ferry to Edgartown and headed purposely for the police station. Markham made the lonely crossing with him Gargan hurried to the cottage to get the other members of the Kennedy, party off the island before the press descended upon them.

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Dinis is expected, later in the day, to forward to Luzerne County Court in Wilkes-barre, Pa., a formal request for an autopsy on Mary Jo's remains.

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Gy PAUL GIGUERE and JACK GALLANT

The possibility of two court hearings in the death of Mary Jo Konechne—one in Pennsylvania and another, already scheduled, in Massachusetts—arose yesterday, along with legal complications, in the case.

Luzerne County Common Pleas Court officials in Wilkes Barre said a hearing might have to be held there on the petition of a Massachusetts district attorney for exhumation and autopsy of the body of Miss Kopechne.

The 28-year-old former secretary to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy drowned the night of July 18 when a car driven by Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy plunged off a narrow bridge and into a tidal pond on Chappaquiddick Islaud adjoining Martha's Vineyard.

Petitions requesting the autopsy were received yesterday in Pennsylvania from Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis of New Bedford, but legal filing reportedly was being held up pending a personal appearance by Dinis or a duly authorized representative:

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Arthur Panaway of Luzerne
County said he had recommended that Dinis be informed
by letter that the autopsy
petition to the county—where
Miss Kopechne is buried—was
not acceptable as a petition received through the mail.

The solicitor said Dinis would have to present the petition in person to the Pennyslvania court, send a member of his staff or choose a member of the bar in Pennsylvania to submit it for him.

President Judge Bernard C. Brominski of Luzerne County Common Pleas Court said that if the petition is properly presented, he could set a hearing as early as next week on whether or not to sanction exhumation.

Proper notice must be given to all parties, including the dead girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopechne of Berkeley Heights, N.J., the judge added. The parents said they were consulting a lawyer, but did not indicate whether they would formally oppose an autopsy.

INDICATING the Massachusetts petition woud get no special priority, Judge Brominski told reporters yesterday:

"I've got 16 other things on my desk to do, and I'm not going to be stampeded by what happens in other states."

Dinis' request would "go into the hopper and be scheduled for hearing in the normal way," the judge said.

It was not clear whether a Pennsylvania autopsy hearing would be public, what witnesses, if any, would be called, or whether it might conflict with an inquest scheduled to begin Sept. 3 in Edgartown District Court.

In a letter to Dinis last week, Luzerne County Dist. Atty. Blythe Evans said that for the Pennsylvania courts "to consider an order for an autopsy and exhumation to be made on the body of the deceased, it would require a showing of imperative reason as a basis for any other..."

AS FOR POSSIBLE objections from the parents, Judge's Brominski said yesterday: "It all depends on the nature of their objections. They may have a legitimate and legal reason to block it. I can't really speculate until I've seen the petition and heard the arguments."

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Ver Autopsy

Law enforcement officials in Massachusetts and Pennsyl- newspaper, city and state.) yania were headed for a public quarrel Tuesday over the intention of Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis to seek an autopsy on the body of Mary Jo Kopechne.

Dinis, preparing for an inquest into the accident in which Mary Jo died, appeared to take the position that the only authorization he needed to ask that her body be exhumed was a section of the appropriate Massachusetts law.

That law gives a district attorney the right to order an autopsy if he deems one necessary and it was this which Dinis sent by registered mail to officials in Luzerne County, Pa., where Mary Jo is buried. It was accompanied by a letter making a formal request for an autopsy.

Dinis said in his petition he wanted the post-mortem examination for the forthcoming inquest into the accident.

"The purpose of the inquest," he said in the petition, "is to should be made.

determine whether or not there is any reason sufficient to believe that the sudden death of Mary Joe Kopechne may have It's a court order we're looking resulted from the act or negligence of a person or persons other than the deceased."

However, Dist. Atty. Blythe Evans, Jr., of Luzerne County

indicated that he wanted something stronger than that. Pressed on whether he would be satisfied with a letter from Dinis, Evans declared: .

"My original letter still states my position — that I will only consider a court order based on a foundation of imperative reasons for an autopsy."

Evans said he was not familiar with Massachusets law on reason why such an examination

"My opinions have been based on Pennsylvania law - under which a court order is needed. for, but so far we haven't re-ceived anything."

One of Evans' aides, who declined to be identified, suggested that the inquest go forward without an autopsy—since one could be easily authorized if testimony produced some cogent reason why such an examina-tion should be made.

In his petition for the exhuming and the autopsy, which is bolstered by the signature of Dukes County Medical Examiner Dr. Robert W. Nevin, the district attorney stressed a stressed a number of points:

It would clearly establish the cause of death and all doubt and suspicion surrounding the case would be resolved. In re-questing the autopsy, Dinis sought to have it performed as soon as practicable, time being of 'the-essence'."

Further, the Common Pleas Court in Luzerne County is requested to give full faith and credit to the Massachusetts law under which the autopsy is sought.

The petition asks that Luzerne County officials issue an forder of notice to John B. Gib-bons, Luzerne County coroner and to Joseph and Gwen Kopechne, parents of Mary Jo. Dinis asked for a hearing on the petition, that it be granted and that disinterment and an

autopsy be held forthwith. abelated post mortem on Mary ¿Jo's remains created a problem for Dinis, one that he inferred might have been avoided.

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He was guoted as saying that on July 20, less than 48 hours after the time Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said the accident occurred in which Mary Jo died, he ordered an autopsy on the body.

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It was only after doing so,
Dinis said, that he learned it
had been sent to Pennsylvania
for burial. Mary Jo's parents
said they will go to court, if
necessary, to block Dinis now
and Evans said their wishes
will be given great weight.

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Arena met for more than an hour with State Det. Lt. George Killen, who was assigned by Dinis to make an investigation preliminary to the inquest.

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Bailey Flies Into Kopechne Case

By PAUL GIGUERE BY SIAH REPORTER

EDGARTOWN—Bost on criminal lawyer F. Lee Bailey fiterally dropped into the Mary Ja Kopechne drowning case—involving Sea. Edward M. Kennedy—yesterday.

The lawyer was in a group of seven men who alighted from a plane and helicopter at the island airport shortly before noon and went immediately to the Dike Bridge on Chappaquiddick Island, where a car driven by Sen. Kennedy plunged into a tidal pond on the night of July 18.

One of the party carried a holstered pistol at his belt. He was later identified by Bailey as former State Police Det. Andrew J. Tuney, who now heads an investigation agency founded by the lawyer. Bailey declined to identify the other men with him.

He said it would be a "fair inference" that he was in the area in connection with the "Kennedy case" but said he was not representing the senator, any of the other parties, or the state.

He added: "This is completed by outside the inquest and in fact was scheduled before it was even known that an inquest would be held.

"It has nothing to do with any of the parties—the senator, the state, the Kopechne family.

"It really isn't at all that ex-

He said he had not talked with any of the parties in connection with the case and that he had "no interest from a lawyer's point of view."

At the same time, said Baile<u>v in answer</u> to a question, it would be a reasonable assump tion that he was looking into circumstances surrounding the death of the 29-year-old Miss Kopechne.

The legal cause of her death will be determined at an inquest requested by Dist. Atty. Edmund S. Dinis and set for Sept. 3 by District Judge James A. Boyle. Dukes County Associate Medical Examiner Dr. Donald R. Mills at the time of the accident ruled her death due to drowning, but did not order an autopsy now sought by Dinis.

Kennedy, 37-year-old Senate whip who received a two-month suspended sentence for leaving the scene of the accident, was reported at his Hyannis Port summer home for the weekend.

Arriving from Washington Friday night, he repeated his desire to cooperate fully with an inquest. "I've cancelled all my plans and will be available," he said at Logan International Airport in Boston.

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HER FAMILY, meantime, has announced intention of re- copter—with Bailey at the consisting attempts to exhume her body from a Pennsylvania cemetery.

A top aide of Dinis', Asst. Dist. Atty. Armand Fernandes, was reported to have gone to Pennsylvania to make arrangements with authorities there for a possible sutopsy. San all from

ing to the accident area.

Scores gaped as the helitrols - circled about Dike Bridge, taking detailed pictures:

in the case, Bailey would only say:

"I was looking for some ... The helicopter, the plane thing. . . . "

HE SAID it was possible that he would return again.

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Dinis Bypasses Arena; Probe May Face Delay

By EARL MARCHAND

MT Staff Reporter

EDGARTOWN — Investigators for Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis are by-passing Edgartown police in their preparations for an inquest into the death of Mary Io Kopechne. . . .

Police Chief Dominick Arena, who conducted the much-criticized probe of the death of the 28-year-old secretary in the car of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy July 18, disclosed last night that Dinis' office has shown no interest in his file.

There has been no rapport between the Edgartown police and the Dukes County district attorney's office since Dinnis moved for an inquest a week ago, the chief said.

At that time, Arena added, he offered the prosecutor all reports on the case, as well as his own personal cooperation and that of members of the force.

Meanwhile, there are widespread reports here that Dinis. will be unable to open his inquest within the week or ten-

day period that he had forecast yesterday. Sources close to the court predicted "some time after Labor Day is more likely."

As yet, Dinis has not conforred with Judge James A. Boyle of the Edgartown District Court on the many details involved, including a date, funds to pay for the inquest, appointment of an investigative officer and a number of other necessary procedures.

A report that Judge Boyle will meet with Dinis at 1 p.m. today at the courthouse here was not confirmed either by the presiding justice or by the district attorney.

Court attaches called it "a virtual impossibility" to set in motion legal machinery that would have Sen. Kennedy and more than 25 other witnesses, many from Washington and other points out-of-state, here on the island within a week.

Sen. Kennedy has cancelled a scheduled European vacation to hold himself available.

Mrs. Margaret O'Neil, treasurer of Dukes County, reiterated yesterday that the county treasury is bare of any funds for an inquest. An unusual number of narcotics cases in court here this summer has further depleted court funds, she revealed.

Judge Boyle has advised Dinis that one of the details he will have to work out is the unavailability of funds.

Only a special act of the Legislature can permit the county to borrow funds for an inquest, stressed Mrs. O'Neil. She said out-of-town witnesses would have to be paid \$5 a-day fee, 10 cents a mile travel allowance, and lodging. Six small towns pay the costs of Dukes County.

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An assistant of Dinis, Atty, Armand Fernandes, was preparing yesterday to leave for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to begin what appears to be a protracted court battle for the right to have the body of Miss Kopechne exhumed from a grave in Pennsylvania. Dinis seeks to have an autopsy performed.

The parents of the victim, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kepechne, new living in Berkeley Heights, N. J., have served notice they will bitterly oppose exhumation, even to the extent of petitioning the court for a restraining order.

It was learned yesterday that Dist. Atty. Blythe H. Evans, Jr., of Luzerne County in Pennsylvania has assured Miss Kopechne's parents that Dinis would have to allow them to make their wishes felt, and to give good reason for holding an autopsy before the state of Pennsylvania would allow the body to be exhumed.

In a letter to Dinis, the Pennsylvania prosecutor advised: "No order would be considered in Pennsylvania without notice to the dear relatives and an opportunity for them to appear in the proceedings for such an order. In order for our courts to consider an order for an autopsy, it would require a showing of imperative reasons."

The Kopechnes have voiced no objection to an inquest.

Dinis, it was learned, plans to introduce to the court in Pennsylvania in support of his exhumation petition a statement by Dr. Donald R. Mills, associate medical examiner of Dukes County. Dr. Mills ruled Miss Kopechne was the victim of accidental drowning when

the Kennedy car went off a bridge into a tidal pool on Chappaquiddick Island.

Dinis' representative is expected to stress that part of the statement that reads: "I have been asked numerous times if an autopsy would have been done had we known the

senator was involved as the driver of the car. I believe the district-attorney's office would agree with me that the answer would be yes, in view of the senator's prominence as a national figure and the need to protect his public image against speculation."

The next paragraph in Dr. Mills' statement sets forth.

"I again reiterate that under the circumstances and with the knowledge we had at the time, autopsy was not indicated and, if done today (July 25), would add absolutely nothing we do not already know."

By ED CORSETTI and BILL DUNCLIFFE

EDGARTOWN-Despite the present intentions of Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis, Ted Kennedy is virtually certain to be called as the star witness at the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Ko-pechne, it was learned Saturday.

The inquest, which will be held before District Court Judge James A. Boyle, is slated to get underway Sept. 3.

But Dinis, who will present the witnesses to the court, caused a stir when he said he expected to call about 15—hut said he did not intend "at

this time" that the state's senior senator would be one of them.

Other sources close to the case, however, said that the district attorney may have no great choice in the matter.

They pointed out that an inquest is a legal proceeding designed to establish a cause of death and to determine whether a death resulted from the act or negligence of another.

Among those Dinis indicated would be called were the ten other people who attended a cook-

out at Chappaquiddick Island which Kennedy and Mary Jo left shortly before her death.

They included Nance Lyons and her sister, Maryellen of Milton; Rosemarie Keough, Susan Tenebaum, and Esther Newberg, all of Washington, D. C.; former U. S. Atiy. Paul Mackham of Melrose, Atty. Joseph F. Gargan of Milton, Raymond LaRosa, Charles C. Tretter of Dedham, and Kennedy aide John C. Crimmins.

They are expected to tell about the cookout that was held at a cottage rented by Gargan. However, authorities said, the only one who has first-hand knowledge of what happened between the time the senator and the secretary left

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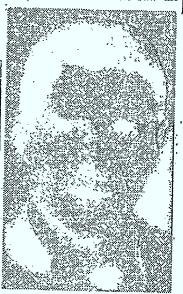
For that reason, it was reported, Dinis may probably decide to ask Kennedy to appear at the inquest.

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Curiously enough, some of those present at the barbecuc could ignore a subpoena issued by Clerk of Court Thomas A. Teller if they wish, since the than an hour after the senator summonses have legal force said the accident occurred and only within this state...

However, it is expected that all of the out-of-staters whose testimony may be sought will come here voluntarily.

Others who are scheduled to testify include Mrs. Pierre Malm of Chappaquiddick, who lives near the bridge, and who first reported to authorities that a car was in the pond, Scuba Diver John Farrar, who recovered Mary Jo's body, Deputy Sheriff Christopher S. Look, Jr., who said he saw the



RAYMOND Larosa May be Called



CHARLES C. TRETTER Possible Inquest Witness

Kennedy car at the intersection leading to the bridge more Police Chief Doninick J. Arena.

The inquest will probably last about three days, and Judge Boyle is expected to file his report on it in about a month.

It is expected that the cost to the county will be in the neighborhood of \$5000, which will have to be appropriated by the Legislature and levied on the communities which comprise Dukes County.

Speculation that Atty. F. Lee Bailey would be called into the case arose when he and three other men were seen on Chappaquiddick Island near the drowning site.

However, when contacted at home, Bailey said he and his staff were in the vicinity on a private matter which, in no way, related to the inquest or Sen. Kennedy.